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Mr. John Payne, President

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Dear Mr. Payne:

Thank you for your letter of August 4 with which you returned the Saturday Evening Post article along with two other copies of the same article. It was certainly thoughtful of you to obtain these extra copies for me, since the one I loaned you was the only one still in my possession.

I enjoyed our talk and your very effective presentation of the nature of your interest in possibly doing a series based on the work of the Agency or its predecessor, the O. S. S. So far I have not found a way to overcome the very serious difficulties I see in such a series, particularly as related to our work in the C. I. A. As I explained to you, I am of course quite cognizant of the public relations angle of this matter and I shall continue to study it.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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Dear Mr. Payne:

Thank you for your letter of August 6 with which you returned the Saturday Evening Post article I loaned you along with two other copies of the same article. It was certainly thoughtful of you to obtain these extra copies for me, since the one I loaned you was the only one still in my possession. I appreciate your thoughtfulness very much indeed.

It was a pleasure meeting you in my office the other day and I enjoyed our talk a great deal. I appreciate your offer to do a series based on the type of activity the Agency is engaged in and regret that we cannot see our way clear to work with you on it. Should future developments warrant changing our position we will, of course, keep you in mind.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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